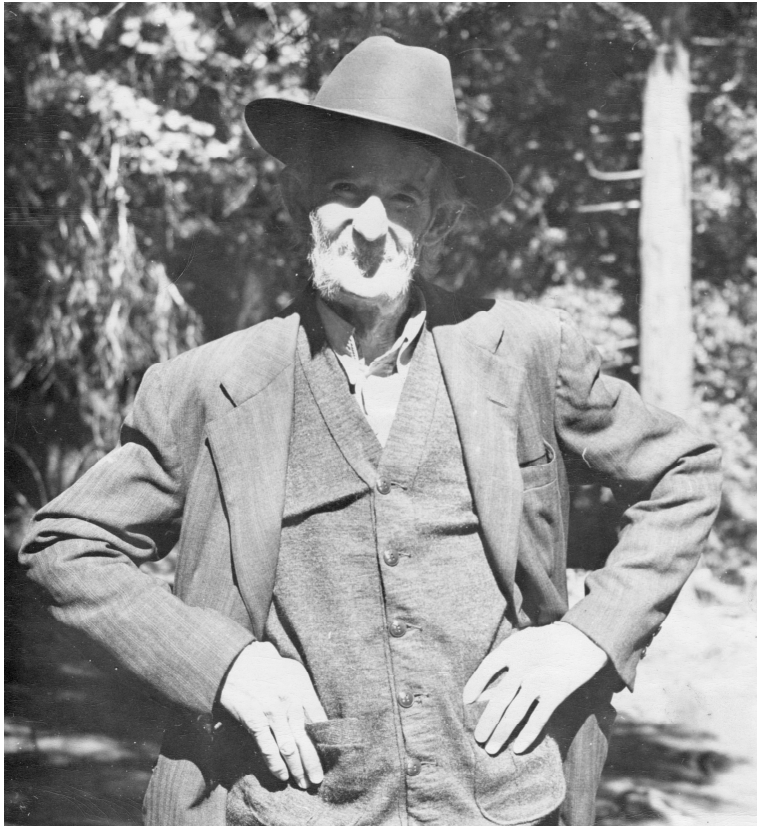


# Plant Collecting Correspondence

## Robert Haley Asher



**Robert Haley Asher, September 9, 1945**

Robert Haley Asher was born 28 March 1868, to Josephus Marion Asher, who was the first commercial nurseryman in the San Diego area, providing buyers with fruit trees, shrubs, & vines from his Fruit Vale ranch in Paradise Valley, National City. Robert Asher settled on Palomar Mountain in 1903, and ultimately had 160 acres, living in the Pauma Creek / State Park area. Robert Asher also lived off Palomar Mountain part of the year working as a nurseryman among other things. On Palomar, Asher photographed summer campers, then developed and sold them photos; he also sold postcards of his photos, trapped animals for pelts, collected and sold wild plants, picked apples, and worked odd jobs. Asher moved off Palomar Mountain in 1946 to his sister Mrs. Josephine A. Vacher's place on Fuerte Drive in El Cajon and continued to visit Palomar Mountain until 1951. Asher passed away on 25 April 1953.

This correspondence from 1907 to 1927 pertain to Robert Asher's collecting of native plants to sell to dealers.

These digitized pages are from the Robert Haley Asher papers (held by Peter Brueggeman). When Josephine Vacher's son vacated the family house in El Cajon, the family gave Robert Asher materials at that location to Peter, due to his Palomar Mountain history interests. Digitization of these materials and posting them to the Internet Archive is intended to enhance and preserve access to these materials.

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Robert Asher

Nellie Cal.

What quantity What price per pound can you collect Jefferry  
pine and Coulter pine this years seed for forest service

Wire answer.

Springs.

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Fruitvale, Cal., Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1909

Mr Robert H. Asker

Dear Sir ! I have just returned  
from the mountains and found your  
letter of the 14<sup>th</sup>. I am sorry to hear  
that the mice probably got away with  
the Coulteri pine seed. I certainly  
would have taken them. Under the  
circumstances, you might send me  
what you have of them, as you don't  
expect to send any more

Yours truly

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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 6/ 12 1910.

POST OFFICE BOX 538

Mr. R. H. Asher,  
Nellie,  
Cal.

Dear Sir, will you please send us your list of tree and shrub seeds which you collect in San Diego Co., we will want to send in an order as early as we can, as we are arranging to collect all kinds of Pacific Coast seeds. We have a good stock of all kinds of fruit, shade and ornamental trees as well as vegetable, field, and flower seeds, and our new catalogue will be sent you as soon as issued.

Please let us have a complete list of everything you can supply.

Very truly yours,

S' L. Watkins.

GARDENS AT "THE TERRACES"  
EIGHT MILES FROM UKIAH

SPECIALTIES

IRIS  
PHLOX  
DELPHINIUMS  
PLANS FOR ROCK GARDENS  
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UKIAH, CALIF. 1. 3.26.

Mr R. H. Asher.

Palomar Mt.

San Diego Co Calif.

Dear Friend.

I will be glad to get any Notholaena  
Pelleae or Cheilanthes that you run across in the fern line.

I have Pentstemon spectabilis but would like any other  
sort from there.

I will be glad to have a list of perennials that you  
can pick up in that region. Are there any Sedums or Cotyledons.

I will see about the canceled stamps etc. There is  
quite a lot of it even in this our dull season.

Late Feb or early March is a good time to send hardy  
plants to me from there.

yours truly.

Carl Purdy.

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TELEPHONE CONNECTION

UKIAH, CALIF., 2.12.26.

Mr R. H. Asher.  
Palomar Mt.  
San Diego Co Calif.

Dear Asher.

Yes send the plants to me here other than the 100  
monardellas sent to Los A.

It would be better to get the Peach flavored Violet near  
Pt Loam if you could.

yours truly

*Carl Purdy*

Remember me for 500 Fritillaria biflora when ready.

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TELEPHONE CONNECTION

UKIAH, CALIF..

10.28.27.

Mr Robert H. Asher.  
El Cajon Calif.

Dear Friend.

I received the bulbs and thank you for attention.  
350 Lilies at 7 cts 24.50  
50 Monradella Parryii at 6 3.  
postage .78.  
28.28.

Contra.  
Check to Florist Review 2.50  
Check to you 25.  
" for postage enclosed. .78  
28.28.

A few years ago I had from Ramona a *Dudleya* or *Cotyl*  
ed o with large leaves heavily covered with white powder.  
This is *D pulverulenta*.  
I would like 100.

Sincerely yours.

*Carl Purdy*